

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 198

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to recognize Linda Ann Tollett Nipper on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers to provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Linda Ann Tollett Nipper, formerly with the Bledsoe County school system, is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a beloved teacher who has been a positive influence on so many young lives, Mrs. Nipper took a much deserved retirement on May 28, 2010, after thirty-two years of meritorious service to the children of Bledsoe County; and

WHEREAS, Linda Nipper earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 1976 and a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration and Supervision in 1989, both from Tennessee Technological University. Her areas of certification include General Science grades 7-12, Vocational Home Economics grades 7-12, Librarian K-12, and Administration and Supervision grades 7-12; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary career, Mrs. Nipper taught first grade, home economics, and english and served as the Bledsoe County High School librarian; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mrs. Nipper was the Future Homemakers of America sponsor (FHA/HERO), the Future Teachers of America advisor, the Student Council sponsor, a Junior Health Council sponsor, a Student of Service and Aspire sponsor, and a class sponsor, and she provided worthy guidance to the Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors, the Graduation Committee, and the yearbook committee; and

WHEREAS, Linda Nipper has held valued membership in a number of civic and education organizations, including the Alpha Xi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, the Sequatchie Akoliyeti Reading Association, the Tennessee Reading Association, the International Reading Association, the Tennessee Association of School Librarians, the Local Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2011, Mrs. Nipper was verified as a member of The Crab-Orchard Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and the installation ceremony will be held in April of 2011; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her husband of forty years, Charles Thomas “Tommy” Nipper; their children, Meredith Nipper Collins and Matthew Nipper; and their grandchildren, Mason Nipper Collins and Mia Gloria Nipper; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nipper plans to further cultivate her interests in cattle farming, quarter horses, traveling, camping, gardening, reading, genealogy, and activities with her grandchildren during the golden years of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, Linda Nipper is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Linda Nipper truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Linda Ann Tollett Nipper our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we pay tribute to her exemplary career in education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.